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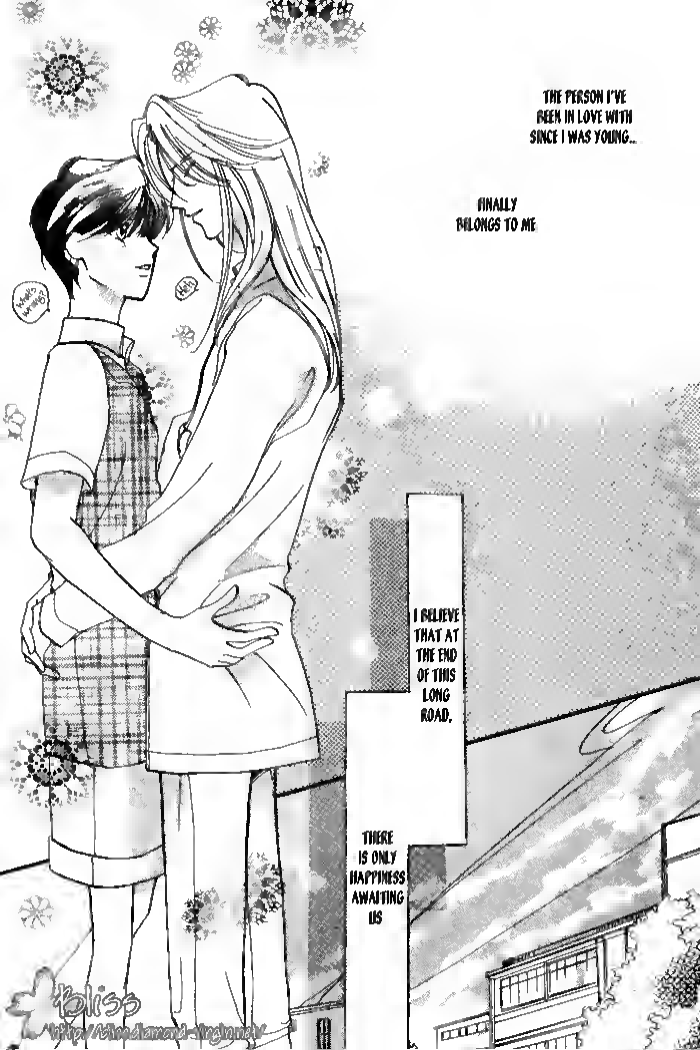
THE PERSON I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH SINCE I WAS YOUNG..
FINALLY BELONGS TO ME
I BELIEVE THAT AT THE END OF THIS LONG ROAD,
THERE IS ONLY HAPPINESS AWAITING US
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.. IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE COMES.
Step
Dare
HERE YOU ARE AS USUAL!
THE DELINQUENT OF OUR ARCHERY CLUB FUJIMOTO KISHOU!
Ah!
Hmph!
2-1 Ogiwara
ARE YOU DELIBERATELY SKIPPING PRACTICE SO THAT I HAVE TO SEARCH FOR YOU?
TAKUMI...

HEY, STOP FOOLING AROUND! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE ARCHERY CLUB!
I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO SEARCH FOR YOU EVERY TIME YOU GO MISSING!
SO WHAT IF I AM?
Hehe
Che
HOW COLD
OF COURSE!
Okay
HUH? ARE YOU REFERRING TO ME?
Heh
Who else!?
Hmph
I DISLIKE PEOPLE WHO ARE LAZY AND RASH

AND I HATE SELFISH AND SPOILED PEOPLE TOO!
Heh
Hmph!
Hmph!
Hmph!
THEN IT CAN'T BE ME
BECAUSE I TRY MY HARDEST TO LIVE A FULFILLING LIFE EVERY SINGLE DAY.
Hug
Gah!
!!
Hey! Let go! Someone will see us!
IF YOU'RE THAT LOUD YOU'LL ATTRACT ATTENTION
JUDGE
DON'T WORRY NOT THAT MANY PEOPLE PASS THROUGH HERE
!!

Your attitude, and the fact that you don't even care if we're found out!
flail
flail
I don't want to be wrapped up in any rumors... Hey! Let go!
And what if someone does pass by?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OH, IS THAT SO?
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?
flail
SAY "I LIKE YOU THE MOST PLEASE GIVE ME A KISS." AND I'LL LET GO OF YOU
YOU...!
SNAP
Cling
If you have time for this nonsense, why don't you spend that time practicing?
wish
throb
throb
SLAP
THAT HURT!

Shift...
Silence
What happened?
WHY IS KISHOU-SENPAI'S FACE SO RED?
HUH?
NONE OF MY BUSINESS
Ogiwara
IT'S ALL KISHOU'S FAULT THAT I'VE BECOME SO CONSCIOUS
Che

Can I have you? ...I want you
THE FRIEND I ONCE KNEW BECAME MY LOVER.
Hmph!
AND THE FRIENDSHIP I ONCE KNEW WAS FORCEFULLY CHANGED TO LOVE.
I like you, Takumi
AND I GAVE INTO HIM TOO..
Mmh

EVEN FROM A MAN'S POINT OF VIEW, KISHOU IS STILL VERY GOOD LOOKING ..
BECAUSE OF THAT I'VE BEGUN TO NOTICE A LOT MORE THINGS..
SFX THUNK
That's so cool! Fujimoto-kun!
Kya
I WAS JUST OBLIVIOUS TO IT ALL ALONG KISHOU NEVER MENTIONED IT TO ME.
BUT IN REALITY, HE KNOWS THAT HE'S REALLY POPULAR.
HERE THEY COME AGAIN..
THEY MAKE OUR MEMBERS LOSE THEIR CONCENTRATION
AWKWARD
Stare
Stare
I'M SORRY,
BUT YOU GIRLS ARE DISTRACTING OUR CLUB MEMBERS... CAN YOU KEEP IT DOWN A LITTLE?

WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?
AREN'T YOU OGIHARA TAKUMI THE ONE WHO ALWAYS STICKS TO FUJIMOTO-KUN?
YOU'RE JUST A MANAGER... SO STOP PUTTING ON AIRS
hmph
THE OPPONENTS ARE ALWAYS THESE KINDS OF GIRLS
I'M JUST...
Pissed
chatter
WHAT DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM?
YES
YOU'RE IRRITATING ME GET LOST
KISHOU?
FUJI...

DIDN'T YOU GIRLS HEAR ME?
I SAID THAT YOU'RE IRRITATING ME
I ALSO FOUND OUT...
THAT NISHOU IS ALWAYS COLD TO EVERYONE EXCEPT ME.
stare
WAIT A SECOND!
Wow!
Don't be mad, Fujimoto-kun!
BEFORE, I THOUGHT HE WAS AN EASY-GOING PERSON.
NOW I KNOW THAT HE ISN'T SOMEONE WHO LIKES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE.
I THINK I'M REPENTING A LITTLE.
YEAH, SORRY.
YOU TOO! WHY GET YOURSELF WORKED UP OVER PEOPLE LIKE THEM?
Stupid!

ANYWAY, KISHOU MADE ME REALIZE A LOT OF THINGS
Tsuzuki
ARE YOU ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY THOSE KINDS OF GIRLS?
AH... MAYBE?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE SINCE I NEVER PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THEM
Thanks for your hard work!
I'll help you with those Taku.
Hm? That's weird...
ARE YOU SURE? THEY'VE BEEN ATTRACTING A LOT OF ATTENTION LATELY
THIS MAY BE A LITTLE RUDE BUT THEY DON'T LEAVE A GOOD IMPRESSION...
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE JEALOUS?
MAYBE HE WAS RIGHT
BAM
This guy...
DO YOU NEED ME TO PUT A BULLET THROUGH THE PATHETIC MUSH KNOWN AS YOUR BRAIN?
TAKU SURE IS COLD...
Che!

IT'S BETTER THAN LIVING EVERY DAY IN FEAR.
I...
My wrists, hands,
Shoulders, voice...
I REALLY LIKE KUSHOU
MAYBE,
Everything...
Belongs to Kushou
IT WOULD BE BETTER
TO CONTINUE LIKE THIS FOREVER.
THAT'S HOW I REALLY FEEL...
A SUDDEN NEW RELATIONSHIP LIKE THIS,
I guess it can't be helped.
IS BOUND TO HAVE ITS INSECURITIES. BUT...
AND I'VE FELT IT TOO.
Let's go home
Heh
THAT I'M VERY PRECIOUS TO HIM...

chirp
chirp
chirp
chirp
daze
IT'S MORNING
AT LEAST I SLEPT WELL
SH
How disgusting...
TAKUMI...

THAT'S RIGHT... HE WAS HELPING ME WITH MY HOMEWORK YESTERDAY
WAKING UP WITH HIM BY MY SIDE... IS REALLY NICE
brush
slip
Zz
HM...
KISHOU ?
AFTER BEING SECRETLY IN LOVE FOR TEN YEARS, A WEEK HAS PASSED SINCE MY CONFESSION.
STILL DREAM-ING?
TAKUMI
AREN'T YOU GOING TO WAKE UP?
ALTHOUGH HE STILL HASN'T SAID THAT HE LIKES ME,

TAKUMI HAD TO GIVE UP ARCHERY DUE TO AN INJURY
I WANTED TO GIVE UP TOO. BUT..
Kyohou, you can achieve whatever you want, so do your best
OH.. BY THE WAY, WHAT TIME IS IT.. ?
I KEPT ON GOING FOR HIS SAKE
8:54
I'M STILL VERY HAPPY NOW
MM.

Takumi! Wake up!!
so tired
MM. LET ME SLEEP A LITTLE LONGER.
This is not the time to be sleeping!!
we're late!
we're late for school!!
Sfx: Snap
BANG
CRASH
EH!?
Next is Nikaido Hiroki-kun's class! We're late for it, too!
Ouch!

FOR BOTH OF YOU TO BE LATE AT THE SAME TIME
YOU MUST BE PRETTY CLOSE
2-9
RETURN TO YOUR SEATS!
hen
WE'RE SORRY
Che~
EVERYONE SILENCE!
chatter
hen
DIDN'T IT FEEL AWKWARD?
chatter
hen
chatter
chatter
ding-dong-
AND TO THINK IT'S WITH OGIWARA...
Yeah...
chatter
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS..
FOR YOU TO ACTUALLY BE LATE..
WHAT'S UP? FUJIMOTO?
ding-dong-

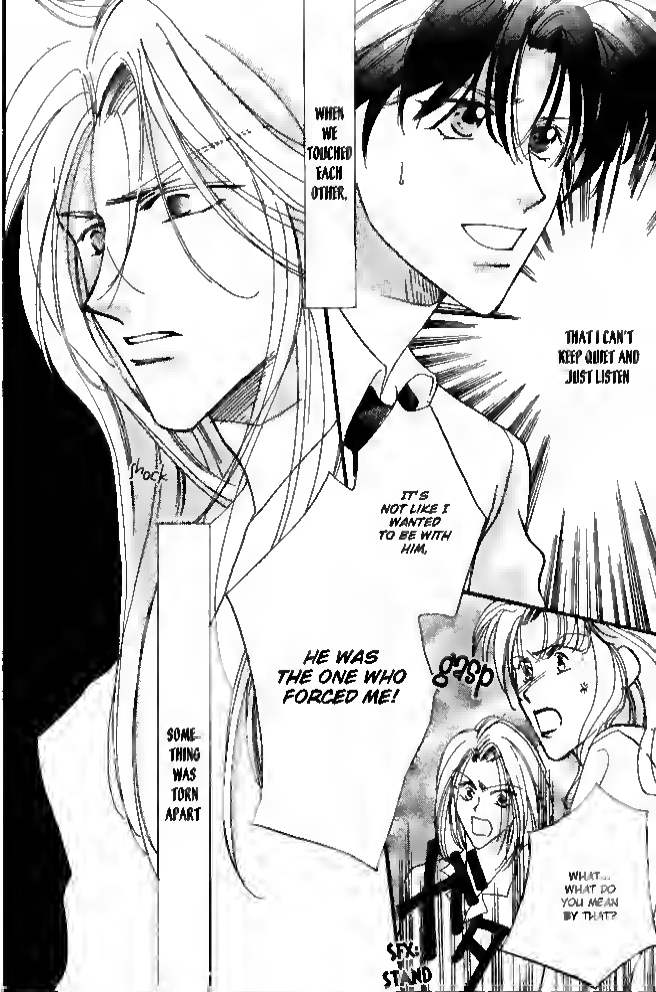
I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH KISHOU'S FANCLUB
Kishou seems to be surrounded, too
HE'S BEING SURROUNDED AGAIN?
SHOCK
FUJIMOTO-KUN, YOU GREW UP WITH OGIWARA, RIGHT?
YOU GUYS ARE EVEN IN THE SAME CLUB... YOU MUST BE REALLY CLOSE
BUT HE SEEMS A LITTLE PLAIN
HE'S NOT REALLY SUITED TO BE YOUR FRIEND
HOW NOISY WHAT DO YOU GIRLS KNOW?
WHY ARE YOU STILL FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM?
BESIDES, I'M AWARI THAT TAKUMI IS STILL VERY UNSURE ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP
HOW IRRITATING...
HE DOESN'T WANT TO COME CLEAN AND BE SUBJECT TO ALL SORTS OF PREJUDICE. EVEN NOW, HE'S VERY INSECURE
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU GIRLS THAT TAKUMI DOESN'T WANT TO COME HERE
PISSY
PISSY

I WAS ABOUT TO REALIZE MY FEELINGS.
I ALSO DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY SOMEONE AS POPULAR AS KISHOU WOULD CHOOSE ME.
ALTHOUGH I'M HAPPY, THEIR WORDS HAVE MADE ME RECONSIDER...
WHY?
INSECURITY.
WHY AM I UNABLE ..
TO ADMIT IT OR COME CLEAN?
THE FEELINGS OF 'LOVE' ARE STILL UNCHANGED.
YOU KNOW ABOUT OGIWARA...

I THINK HE MIGHT BE IN LOVE WITH FUJIMOTO-KUN.
Hehe
Hehe
SHOCK
ALL THAT TALK ABOUT BEING HIS BEST FRIEND OR MANAGER.
Hihi!
HE EVEN SAID THAT FUJIMOTO-KUN WAS "COOL"!
THAT'S PROBABLY WHY HE'S ALWAYS TRAILING FUJIMOTO-KUN
Ch-ka
Ch-ka
KISHOU, TOO! WHY IS HE LETTING THEM CONTINUE WITH THEIR NONSENSE!?
How useless...!
Um
Hmph!
WHY MUST I BE INSULTED LIKE THIS!?
STOP SPOUTING NONSENSE
HOW NOISY

I CAN ONLY SPEAK AGAINST MY CONSCIENCE.
IF TAKUMI WAS HOMOSEXUAL DO YOU THINK I'D BE STUPID ENOUGH NOT TO REALIZE IT?
DO YOU TAKE ME FOR AN IDIOT?
OR DO YOU GIRLS THINK I'M GAY, TOO?
W-WE DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY...
THEN SHUT UP IT'S IRRITATING
HE'S JUST MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND THAT'S ALL.
CRASH
Really...!?

silence...
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP
THEY'RE JUST MESSING AROUND
TAKUMI?
JOKING?
OF COURSE I UNDERSTAND THAT
I'M IRRITATED TOO
I KNOW THAT THEY RE JUST JEALOUS.
BUT IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT
THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU GIRLS TO BE WORRIED ABOUT.


WHEN WE TOUCHED EACH OTHER,
THAT I CAN'T KEEP QUIET AND JUST LISTEN
Mock
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO BE WITH HIM.
HE WAS THE ONE WHO FORCED ME!
gasp
SOME THING WAS TORN APART
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
SFX: STAND

THIS IS BAD.. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WAIT
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS ARE YOU?
SO WHAT IF I'M SERIOUS?
THIS WAY THOSE LADIES WILL HAVE NOTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT
SHUT UP..
TURN
clack
Whisper
HUH? WHAT'S WITH THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE?
THOSE TWO
HOW RARE
Shock

I KISSED HIM AFTER THAT TOO.
MANY MANY TIMES.
WAS IT ALL OUT OF PITY, BECAUSE HE COULDN'T RESIST ME, OR...
IT'S TRUE THAT THE FIRST TIME I KISSED HIM WAS BECAUSE I WAS CLOSE TO BREAKING DOWN IT'S THE SAME WHEN WE FIRST HAD SEX.
HE DIDN'T LET ME DO IT BECAUSE HE LIKED ME.
ALTHOUGH I WAS A LITTLE HARSH WITH MY WORDS.
Throb

I DIDN'T WANT THINGS TO TURN OUT THIS WAY.
clench
STOP THIS NONSENSE!
Shock
I DON'T WANT TO BE YOUR BABYSITTER, EITHER!
WHAT...?

YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CLUNG TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!
WHAT DOES HE MEAN BY "BABYSITTER"?
throb
HUH?
angry
TELLING ME THAT YOU "LIKED" ME OR "LOVED" ME!? YOU EVEN DID THAT TO ME!
FINE THEN!
HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!?
FROM NOW ON LET'S GO OUR SEPARATE PATHS!
FINE,
AS YOU WISH
turn
HOW DID THINGS TURN OUT LIKE THIS...?

HEY FUJIMOTO.
SHUT UP!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!? HE'S REALLY DISGUSTING!
HOW LOW!
TO THINK YOU COULD TOLERATE HIM UNTIL NOW...
BANG
STOP BEING SO NOISY AND LEAVE ME ALONE
FUJI-MOTO-KUN
WHAT ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT?
I NEVER KNEW.
YOU ACTUALLY FELT THAT WAY.
brush
AH...

It's annoying!
CHE!
DAMN IT...!
SEX:
BANG
BANG
BANG
AH!
I MADE KISHOU ANGRY
Fuyu-Michel
Yuuki
IS THAT HOW YOU REALLY FEEL..!?
BUT I'M ANGRY TOO

HE SAID HE LOVED ME.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I DIDN'T WANT TO BREAK UP WITH HIM..
DAMN IT!
Save me I break...
WHAT WILL BECOME OF US FROM NOW ON.. ?
DAMN IT...
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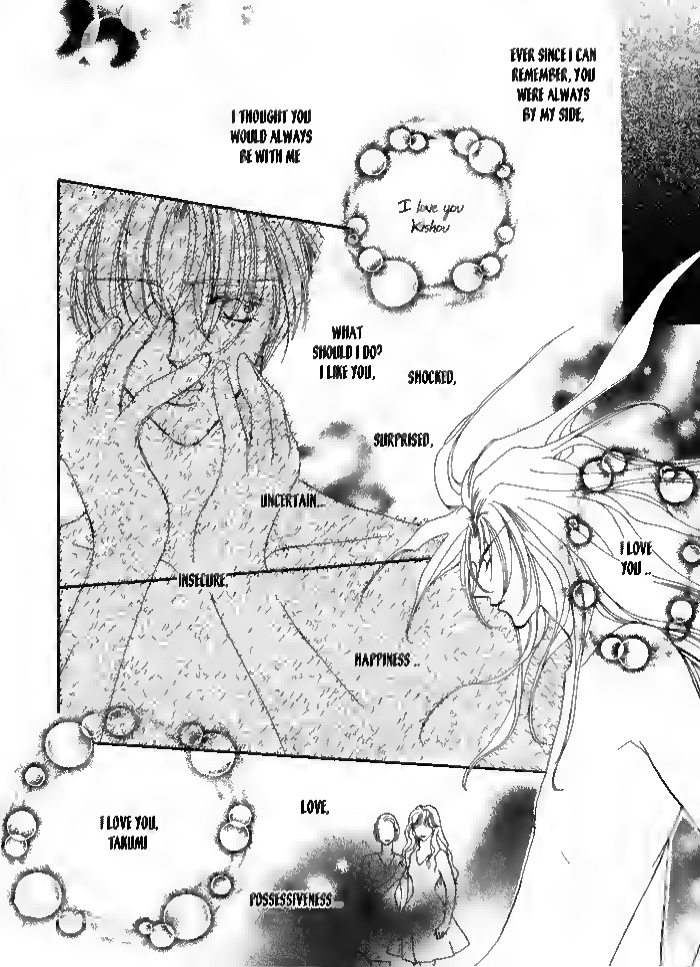

EVER SINCE I CAN REMEMBER, YOU WERE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD ALWAYS BE WITH ME
I love you Kishou
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I LIKE YOU.
SHOCKED.
SURPRISED.
UNCERTAIN...
INSECURE...
I LOVE YOU ..
HAPPINESS ..
LOVE.
I LOVE YOU, TAKUMI
POSSESSIVENESS

UNCERTAINTY,
SHOCK,
JEALOUSY,
SUSPICION
KISHOU?
WAIT!
DON'T YOU KNOW?
WHY?...
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT YOU LOVED ME?

Squeeze
WHAT DID YOU SAY, KISHOU?
I'M BREAKING UP WITH YOU!!
mm...
Stop that nonsense, Takumi!
I don't want to be your babysitter either!
KISHOU!
Sfx Snap
beep...
chirp
7:15

SINCE THAT DAY, THIS DREAM HAS REPEATED ITSELF EVERY NIGHT.
beep... beep...
tap
chirp
chirp
beep... beep...
chirp
beep... beep...
GET A GRIP! I WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO BREAK UP
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO HOLD ON TO
Let's break up
CHE
DAMN IT
beep... beep...
AH
WHY?
TO THAT PERSON ..
beep... beep...
THIS IS THE WORST MORNING EVER.
FUJIMOTO KISHOU,

I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH A SMALL MISUNDERSTANDING COULD HAVE CHANGED INTO SUCH A SERIOUS ARGUMENT!
HE WAS STILL MY BEST FRIEND AND CHILDHOOD PLAYMATE FOUR DAYS AGO
BUT THIS HAS MADE ME REALIZE THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN SEPARATED FROM HIM FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
AND HE SAID HE LOVED ME
ISN'T HE BEING TOO HEART LESS. ?
TAKUMI HOW'S IT GOING? ARE YOU GUYS STILL QUARRELING?
STOP BEING A NUISANCE AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
SO YOU SAY BUT...
Oh!
Shock
OH, IT'S FUJIMOTO

FUJIMOTO?
KISHOU!
LET'S GO!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH OGIWARA ANYMORE
HMPH
THAT'S RIGHT
!!
Pissed
HEY TAKUMI, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE IT UP AND APOLOGIZE TO HIM ALREADY?
THAT CREEP!
Stand
YEP YEP
THAT GUY'S BEING SERIOUSLY SCARY THESE DAYS

IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT,
BEING APART LIKE THIS,
It's not my fault!!
Why should I be the one to apologize!?
HEY, TAKUMI?
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
Hey hey
JUST IGNORE HIM
Che
Shock
LETTING THINGS GO ON LIKE THIS
FOR THIS TO KEEP GOING?
IF THIS IS HOW IT IS, WHY SHOULD I CARE!?
Staying away from someone like that doesn't hurt me at all!
Let him be, I don't care!
HEY, THAT WAS REALLY HARSH YOU KNOW?

IS THIS REALLY WHAT YOU WANT...?
TO BE SEPARATED LIKE THIS?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN DO.
IF IT TROUBLES YOU THIS MUCH,
turn
HUH?
HUH?
WAIT A MINUTE, FUJIMOTO!
THIS IS POINTLESS
THEN I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE YOU...
OR SO I THOUGHT.

BUT EVEN NOW,
I STILL LAUGH AT
HOW I CAN'T DO IT.
EVEN BEHIND ALL
THOSE PAINFUL WORDS,
I REALIZE THAT I STILL
DON'T WANT US TO
SEPARATE.
IT'S LIKE I'M
TRYING TO TEST
TAKUMI'S FEELINGS.
Hwuh
Hwuh
swish

I THOUGHT HE WOULDN'T COME TO PRACTICE ANY MORE AFTER WE HAD THAT FIGHT...
BUT WHAT SURPRISED ME IS THAT HE ACTUALLY COMES FOR PRACTICE MORE DILIGENTLY THAN BEFORE
DON'T YOU THINK THAT KISHOU-SENPAI'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY?
I MEAN THE FACT THAT HE'S NOT SKIPPING CLASSES AND ACTUALLY WORKING MORE DILIGENTLY?
TO MAKE ME SEARCH FOR HIM...
!!
IT'S TRUE...
HEY, FIRST-YEARS!
STOP CHATTING AND CONTINUE PRACTICING!
AW
YES!

I ALWAYS THOUGHT NISHOU WAS AN ATTENTION SEEKER, AND THAT'S WHY HE WANTED ME TO FIND HIM

THERE'S NO MISTAKING THAT

BUT HAVE I BECOME A BURDEN TO HIM NOW?

IF I WERE TO SEARCH FOR HIM, IT WOULD CREATE MORE TROUBLE FOR HIM?

throb

TAKUMI-SENPAI

THEN ..

COULD THIS MEAN...

THAT HE DOESN'T WANT ME TO SEARCH FOR HIM ANYMORE?

OH, I'LL GO COLLECT THE ARROWS OVER THERE
SURE IF IT'S ALRIGHT WITH YOU
BE CAREFUL
step
DOES HE HATE ME NOW?
throb
WHAT HAPPENED? WHY ARE YOU SPACING OUT?
AH... NO, IT'S NOTHING
I KNOW.
hit

HE'S THINKING OF SOMETHING...
AS HE COLLECTS THOSE ARROWS.
THAT GUY.
WHAT'S THAT?
DON'T JUST STOP ALL OF A SUDDEN!
Hm
Fidget
Fidget
Hm
WHY IS HE SPACING OUT OVER THERE..!?
SENPAI! I'M STILL GOING TO PRACTICE FOR A WHILE.
SO PLEASE DON'T COME OVER HERE
MM...
Sigh
KISHOU, HE...

Ah!!
Kishou is...
Jazz
stop
grab
Is Kishou alright with this?
HEY!
Senpai!
Why are you collecting the arrows now!? Look out...!!
Ah
EH?
SEX: KYA

SFX: PUSH
SFX: Stab
!!

WHAT!?
ROLL
Kustle
AH!
SFX: Kya
AMAPH!
SFX: thud
Ah
Fujimoto-kun!
DAMN IT!

chatter
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? HURRY UP AND BANDAGE HIS ARM!
SOMEONE BRING FUJIMOTO TO THE HOSPITAL. QUICK!
chatter
rush
chatter
FUJIMOTO-KUN HERE
rush
chatter
turn
OGIWARA... YOU!
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
STOP IT
KISHOU ..?
BLOOD
GEEZ
ARE YOU TRYING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED!?
huff
huff

You can't do anything right, and yet you keep giving others trouble!
Fujimoto was hurt because of you!
I said stop it.
Ah..
I'm alright it's just a scratch
Really? You should see a doctor to be on the safe side
Okay
Ok...
Takumi, are you alright? Fujimoto-kun left already.
But what happened just now?
...What?
...Why?
throb
Why did he try to protect me?
Are you trying to kill yourself!? You idiot!

WHY...
... DAMN IT!
I GAVE YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE, BUT IN THE END, YOU STILL SAVED ME?
HE MUST BE FURIOUS...
JUST LIKE WHEN I COULDN'T PRACTICE ARCHERY ANYMORE.
YOU EVEN GOT HURT BECAUSE OF ME ..
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE...
OGIWARA-KUN? ARE YOU OKAY?
WHY ARE YOU STILL WATCHING ME?
NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO FUJIMOTO-KUN SO DON'T WORRY

EVEN IF HE COMES TO DISLIKE ME, I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
THIS IS DIFFERENT FROM OUR FIGHT IN CLASS
I HAVE TO LEAST HAVE TO TELL HIM, "THANK YOU".
HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN?
creak
Fujima
EVEN SO,
I'M STILL DELIBERATING AS I STAND HERE.
beep

SAY, "I'M SORRY"...
UM...
I, KISHOU, TODAY...
thump
WHO IS IT?
ding-dong
I CAN'T RUN AWAY, I CAN'T RUN AWAY, I CAN'T RUN AWAY...
IT'S KISHOU!
WAIT
beep
At a loss
GASP!!
WHAT!? CAN'T WE SPEAK USING THE INTERCOM!?
click
BECAUSE ONCE I SPEAK TO HIM FACE TO FACE,
I'LL GET FLUSTERED, START SAYING NONSENSE..
AND MY MIND WILL GO BLANK.

IT'S KISHOU
BANDAGES ..?
THAT
I TODAY...
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOUR INJURY...
I HAD TO APOLOGIZE.
YUKI.
...!
ANYWAY JUST COME IN FIRST
HUH? IT'S OKAY I'M GOING BACK NOW...
Step
shock
DON'T SAY ANYTHING! JUST COME IN!
YOU ..
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, KISHOU ...?
AND?

AND... NOTHING
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY
THANKS FOR BLOCKING THE ARROW FOR ME
THERE'S REALLY NOTHING ELSE?
Shock
IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE I WON'T APOLOGIZE
I DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS THIS ANY-MORE
SORRY TO DISTURB YOU I'M GOING HOME
AFTER BEING INSULTED SAYING THAT I NEED A BABYSITTER, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD HAVE JUST KEPT QUIET
clench
turn
step
WAIT!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID I WAS IRRITATING FIRST

bang
GET...
thump
GET AWAY FROM ME
thump
NO
WHY?
DIDN'T I APOLOGIZE TO YOU ALREADY!?
ARE YOU OKAY WITH LETTING THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS?
WHAT?
thump

I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU ANYMORE...
HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT!? YOU PREFER BEING WITH WOMEN MUCH MORE THAN WITH ME
I'M JUST A HINDRANCE TO YOU!
blush
WOULD I REALLY DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS OUT OF PITY!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
IT MIGHT SEEM LIKE I'M PLAYING WITH WORDS.
HOW ABOUT YOU? YOU DID THIS OUT OF PITY RIGHT?
WE'RE THE SAME
HUH?
IT'S OVER.
ah
TAKU...

thump
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
thump
I KNOW THAT WE'RE NOT REALLY DATING
TAKUMI?
BECAUSE?
drip
WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, I WATCHED KISHOU BEING SURROUNDED BY THOSE GIRLS
BUT I'M NOT MATURE ENOUGH TO TOLERATE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
I JUST WANTED YOU TO SEE THE STRONGER SIDE OF MY PERSONALITY !
ANGRY.
drip
AND HELPLESS
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.

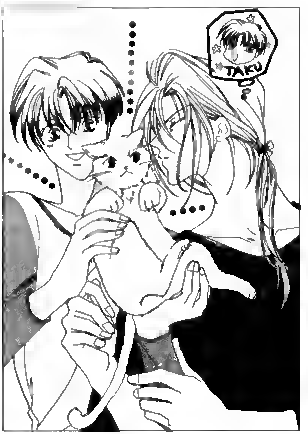
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE'RE NOT DATING?
I SAID THAT I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM!
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT ME!?
I HAVE A ROTTEN PERSONALITY I'M NOT KIND OR MASCULINE
I DON'T EVEN HAVE BREASTS LIKE THEY DO. SO IT MUST BE BORING TO HUG ME RIGHT!?
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO LIKE ME!
IDIOT..!
Shock
TAKUMI!!

EVEN IF THAT'S TRUE I CAN'T HELP BUT LIKE YOU
tap
IT'S ONLY BEEN A FEW DAYS SINCE WE SEPARATED BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN FOREVER
ISN'T IT THE SAME FOR YOU? OR HAVE YOU STARTED TO HATE ME ALREADY?
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER HATE YOU. I'M IN AGONY, TOO
I'M IN SO MUCH PAIN THAT ONLY NOW.. DO I REALIZE THAT I'M AT MY LIMIT

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
I LIKE YOU TOO...
BUT YOU SAID I WAS A HINDRANCE SO I COULDN'T HELP IT
!
SIMILAR THOUGHTS...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME...
THAT YOU'VE SAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
!!
hug
brush
I'M SORRY TAKUMI
I'M GLAD

KISHOU...
THE MORE YOU CARE FOR SOMEONE, THE MORE COWARDLY YOU'LL BE
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS A HINDRANCE AND I NEVER WILL
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU...
THE MORE YOU THINK ABOUT SOMEONE, THE MORE STUBBORN YOU BECOME... AND THE LESS LIKELY YOU ARE TO GIVE UP.
DON'T LET THEM BOTHER US AND COME BACK TO MY SIDE
OUR FEELINGS AREN'T ONE SIDED ANYMORE SO
IF YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME I IMMEDIATELY FEEL BETTER
AT THIS RATE YOU'RE JUST GOING TO KEEP SPOILING ME
sigh
THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN ONLY BE UNDERSTOOD WHEN THEY ARE CLEARLY STATED

smile
BUT...
I STILL
LIKE YOU.
PLEASE LET ME
STAY BY YOUR
SIDE FOREVER.
I'LL TELL THE
TRUTH, SO..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